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July 8th, 1919

President J. A. Maclean,
University of Manitoba.

My dear President Maclean:

The Secretary of the Board of Graduate Studies wrote to you about a fortnight ago asking your opinion as to the desirability of our granting a Fellowship to Mr. H. A. Tucker a graduate of the University of Manitoba. He wishes first to take an M.A. in the Faculty of Education, but the only Fellowship we could give him would be in the Department of History, and I am not sure whether he is thoroughly equipped to take up graduate work in History. Will you be kind enough to let us know at your earliest convenience what your judgment is as to Tucker's standing? Perhaps you might get me the opinion of the Professor in History in regard to him. The Fellowship is a good one and is worth \$500.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

July 13th, 1919

President J. A. MacLean,

University of Manitoba.

My dear President MacLean:

Many thanks for your telegram setting forth the position of Tucker. The Committee following the recommendation of the Department of History is unwilling to grant half of the fellowship. There is another candidate from Saskatchewan who has so much in his favour and is so well prepared in history that we are of opinion that the Scholarship should go to him this year in view of Tucker's lack of preparation.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MORAL EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS
IN RELATION TO CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

OFFICE OF THE CONVENING COMMITTEE

505 WINNIPEG "EL" BLD'G.

WINNIPEG Sept 1, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Sir:-

The Convening Committee of the National Educational Conference, which is to be held in Winnipeg, October 20-22nd., is transmitting to the Board of Governors of your University an invitation that your institution should be represented at this Conference:-

(1) By the Chairman of your Board of Governors or some other lay member.

(2) By a member of the Faculty.

These, with yourself, would constitute three representatives from the University of Toronto. I am sending you by same mail our original prospectus containing an insert giving the programme as actually worked out and assured to the present date.

A reply addressed to the General Secretary, National Conference on Education, 505 Electric Bld'g. Chambers, will be appreciated.

Yours cordially,

James A. McMan

President, University of Manitoba.

September 8th, 1919

President J. A. Maclean,
University of Manitoba.

Dear President Maclean:

Dr. Bruce Macdonald has been
appointed to represent the Board of Governors of the
Conference in Winnipeg in October.

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 30th, 1919

President J. A. Maclean,
University of Manitoba.

Dear President Maclean:

Could you let me know your
practice in regard to the matriculation for
a candidate whose native language is other than English?
Do you allow him, that is to say, to keep English and
one foreign language as the two languages in addition to
his own for matriculation?

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

President.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

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Winnipeg, Man.,
Nov. 3rd, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My Dear Sir Robert;

In answer to yours of Oct. 30th, we permit a student to offer his native language (other than English) and an additional foreign language in fulfilment of a two foreign language requirement for Entrance.

Our wording is somewhat different, The University is an English speaking University and we do not accept English in fulfilment of the foreign language requirement. In other words the meaning we give to foreign as foreign in respect to the University, not foreign in respect to the student. This is only a matter of wording, perhaps, and is not very important.

Beginning in September, 1919, the University admits students for the B.A. degree who offer only one foreign language, and for the present a foreign born student may offer his native language if French or German, in fulfilment of this requirement. Notice of Motion, however, has been given to limit the privilege of offering a native foreign language to those who elect the two or three foreign language requirement.

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Hean

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UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Winnipeg, Man.,

December 1st, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

My Dear Sir Robert:-

I have been thinking of some of the names that suggest themselves in connection with the permanent Secretaryship of the new National Council of Education and I came to the conclusion that the name of the man who seems to me best equipped for the position, Rev. Leslie Pigeon might not be presented for consideration because the members of the council might assume that it is impossible for him to leave his Church work at this time. Accordingly without consultation and although probably you know him better than I do I decided to write to you to suggest that the Council ascertain whether he can be secured say on a three year leave of absence from the Church, and if this difficulty is removed, that he be appointed at any rate of remuneration that may seem appropriate. He is a hard worker and can induce hard work in others. He is hard-headed and will study the problems of National Education before speaking or writing. He is in close touch with a national organisation of business men - the Rotarians. He would be able to originate and successfully execute plans for financing the work of the Council, For myself I believe that if the National Committee can secure his services that half of the problem of organisation will be solved, otherwise it may seem that the Conference set the National Council the task of crossing the Atlantic in an open rowboat or another case of "Sent to sea in a sieve."

Very sincerely yours,

James A. McLean

December 1st, 1914

President J. A. Maclean,
University of Manitoba.
Dear President Maclean:

I am interested in your recommendation of the Rev. Leslie Fidgeon as Secretary of the new National Council of Education. I do not know Mr. Fidgeon at all well. In fact I have only met him occasionally, but anything that I have seen of him has seemed to me very favorable. Your judgment in this matter will be of far greater value than mine, but in general it would seem to me that he ought to make a very good secretary, and would be particularly useful as having been connected with the movement from the beginning. I agree entirely that the success of the Council will depend upon having the right man as secretary. I should think that the greater difficulty would be in securing Dr. Fidgeon, for I am very doubtful whether he would seek three years' leave from his congregation, and whether any congregation would be willing to grant such a long leave of absence. I think that if he is to take the position he would have to do so finally, and it may be that he would regard the position as offering a wider usefulness than his congregation. Would you speak to Mr. Guinan about this matter, because I think that his opinion would probably carry more weight in the final decision than any other.

We have had Murray with us for nearly a fortnight. He is very much better, and I think that the favourable turn of events has done a great deal to restore him to his old self. I hope that everything is going well with you. I suppose that you are now in the very middle of winter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 12th, 1920

President J. A. Maclean,
University of Manitoba.

My dear President Maclean:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to the Toronto papers in view of the unauthorised publication of selections from a report made by the Faculty of Medicine in view of the visit of representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation. It has caused us a great deal of annoyance as the interpretation that has been put upon the report by the newspapers would lead the public to suppose that this University was in a very grasping way making a request from the Rockefeller Foundation, which it has in fact not done nor ever intended to do. I can quite realise that if the newspaper reports have reached you, you might think that we were acting in a very selfish manner in regard to this offer.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 16th, 1920

President J. A. Maclean, LL.D.,
University of Manitoba.

Dear President Maclean:

I am just fitting back into my work and look back with great pleasure to your kindness to me while I was in Manitoba. I appreciate particularly your generosity in arranging for me to see Professor Fienley. I had expected to see Professor Fienley as soon as I got back, but unfortunately I find that he is lecturing in the United States and will not be back until the end of next week. I am therefore not at all in a position to say anything definite about what we should wish to do in regard to the filling of the position in History. I will, however, take the matter up with him as soon as he returns.

Will you kindly explain to Fienley that I cannot write to him for some ten days yet, and I hope that you will not be too much put about by my delay in coming to a decision which may possibly be an inconvenience to you.

I am now beginning to take up the estimates for the coming year, and as you know it is a very disagreeable job, particularly at a time when prices are soaring and apparently have no intention of coming down.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 31st, 1920

President J. A. MacLean, LL.D.,

University of Manitoba.

My dear President MacLean:

I received your letter with regard to Mr. Harvey. His application will be taken up very shortly at a meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies. We have had a good many letters applying for Fellowships, and our purpose will be to distribute them as far as we can to the best people. I cannot say anything as to the result yet, but assure you that Mr. Harvey will be very sympathetically considered.

Yours sincerely,

President.